

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Division of Training, Technical and Financial Services

# Progress Report for January 1 – June 30, 2015 Workplan for the Use of Public Water System Supervision Grant Funding Under Section 1443 of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act

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### INTRODUCTION

This document serves as a workplan and interagency agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Primacy Program. The workplan identifies DEP's outputs and activities accomplished through the Public Water System Supervision grant. The budgeted federal funds are combined with state-funded staff and resources to work toward EPA's and Pennsylvania's mutually shared goals in the Primacy Program. By providing updates in the "Status/Comments/Obstacles" column, this document also serves as a progress report that identifies accomplishments over the past six months. If there is a need to significantly revise any elements, these revisions will be subject to EPA review prior to implementing any changes.

The overall goal of the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Primacy Program is to protect public health by ensuring adequate and safe drinking water supplies as mandated by the Federal and Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Acts. To achieve this goal, DEP conducts the following core activities:

- Program development, administration, management, and evaluation;
- Requirement of a self-monitoring program by the water suppliers to achieve a high level of compliance with drinking water standards;
- Surveillance of public water systems through comprehensive on-site evaluations, inspections, technical consultations, and monitoring for water quality;
- Plan review and permitting;
- Enforcement and compliance actions;
- New regulation development and implementation;
- Data management and inventory;
- Laboratory certification;
- DEP laboratory capability;
- Staff training and water supplier training;
- Emergency response and waterborne disease investigations;
- Requirement of operation and maintenance activities by water suppliers, including O&M plans, emergency response plans, qualified operators, sanitary surveys, and record keeping and reporting to DEP; and,
- A lead-free drinking water program, including periodic field surveillance on the ban on the sale and the use of leaded plumbing materials.

Other elements of Pennsylvania's Safe Drinking Water Program are included in DEP's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund workplan for the use of set-aside funding, including but not limited to source water protection, operator certification, and capability enhancement. Additionally, in conformance with EPA's *Policy to Assure the Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data under Agency-Funded Assistance Agreements* (FEM-2012-02), DEP maintains and implements a Quality Management Plan (QMP) and Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP) and uses environmental data in accordance with its approved QMP and QAPPs. DEP's Bureau of Laboratories also maintains accreditation and certifications under the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program and therefore meets the laboratory certification requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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**Subobjective 1: Water Safe to Drink** 

Work Plan Component/Program:
Public Water System Supervision

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Protect human health by reducing exposure to contaminants in drinking water.	2.1.1 – Percent of the population served by community water systems that receive drinking water that meets all applicable health-based drinking water standards through approaches including effective treatment and source water protection.  SP-1 – Percent of community water systems that provide drinking water that meets all applicable health-based drinking water standards.	DATA MANAGEMENT  OUTPUTS: Each quarter, ensure accurate and complete data related to inventory, compliance, and enforcement activities are provided to EPA in a timely manner.  ACTIVITIES: Maintain a database management system for inventory, monitoring, and Monitoring/Reporting (M/R) and Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for all rule implementation priorities.  Report quarterly (within 45 days of the end of each quarter) all violations/inventory updates and rule implementation priorities to SDWIS/FED. For National Program Manager Guidance Measures, see the notes in the "Program Management" section of this workplan.  Report all inventory updates; M/R, MCL, Public Notification (PN), and treatment technique violations; Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) unaddressed violations; formal enforcement actions and successfully link them to appropriate violations; variances and exemptions; milestone information required under the regulations; required Surface Water Treatment Rule data; and compliance achieved, identify and correct erroneous data, and submit deactivation data to SDWIS/FED for all applicable systems, especially systems on the Enforcement Targeting Tool (ETT) list.  Update system programming to meet changes to reporting requirements. Report data in	Maintained the Pennsylvania Drinking Water Information System (PADWIS).  The Quarterly Progress Report is now incorporated into this report.  SDWIS/FED updates were submitted on 2/13, 3/13, 5/15, and 6/15/2015.  DEP's Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products Rule (D/DBPR), and Revised Total Coliform Rule teams are currently working on development, implementation, and compliance determination of these rules. PADWIS programming is underway for D/DBPR and RTCR.
		accordance with the new LCR Minor Revisions requirements.	

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Protect human health by reducing exposure to contaminants in drinking water.	(continued)	COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT  OUTPUTS: Undertake enforcement program with informal and formal actions and make compliance determinations consistent with the federal regulations.  Number of enforcement actions taken.  ACTIVITIES: Complete the Annual Compliance Report by July 1st for the previous calendar year.  Promote compliance with the regulations. Notify all systems of regulatory requirements, take enforcement actions, and issue waivers, variances and exemptions, where appropriate.	The 2014 Annual Compliance Report was submitted to EPA on 6/30/2015.  Number of enforcement actions taken during this reporting period (Source: eFACTS):  • Total # enforcement actions = 109  • # formal actions = 89  • # informal actions = 20  • Total fines/penalties assessed = \$195,274  • Total fines/penalties collected = \$204,447.38*  * includes penalty payments against violations/penalties assessed during an earlier reporting period  Compliance Assistance Activities:  • Delivered presentations at water industry meetings (PaAAEL, Pa Section AWWA).  • DEP finalized the Drinking Water Newsletter Winter edition in January 2015 and the summer edition of the in June 2015.

Water and E problems are Maintain rec violations in Strategy.	ystems on the ETT list and, each quarter, provide responses to the Ground inforcement Branch. Work with EPA's SNC Coordinator to determine why occurring and take steps to correct.  ords of pertinent State decisions and report all responses to M/R and MCL accordance with escalation procedures as negotiated in the State Compliance plate on the status of the State Compliance Strategy.	<ul> <li>DEP responded to high priority PWSs per the ETT tool as follows:         <ul> <li>January 2015 ETT Report – DEP provided responses for 54 PWSs on 2/19/2015.</li> <li>April 2015 ETT Report – DEP provided responses for 59 PWSs on 5/15/2015.</li> </ul> </li> <li>DEP continued to maintain pertinent records on State decisions and reported all responses to violations.</li> <li>DEP is updating the Compliance Strategy to include the new rules.</li> </ul>
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Protect human health by reducing exposure to contaminants in drinking water.	(continued)	STATE REPORTING MEASURES AND KEY PWSS PROGRAM PERFORMANCE INDICATORS  OUTPUTS: Meet required reporting through quarterly SDWIS compliance data or through other reporting under the DWSRF set-asides. For information not already reported to EPA, the reporting frequency is semi-annual.  ACTIVITIES: Implement federal rules: Total Coliform Rule; Revised Total Coliform Rule; Phase II and V Rule for nitrates/nitrites and chronic contaminants; Lead and Copper Rule including the Minor Revisions and Short-term Revisions, Stages 1 and 2 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule; Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule; Radionuclides Rule; Arsenic Rule, Filter Backwash Recycling Rule; Long Term 1 and 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rules; Consumer Confidence Report Rule; Public Notification Rule; Ground Water Rule; and all other currently regulated chemicals.	All federal rules except the RTCR have been incorporated into Chapter 109 Safe Drinking Water Regulations. DEP has the authority to enforce all the state rules.  • DEP will include any necessary regulatory revisions needed for primacy regarding the Stage 2 D/DBPR in the Disinfection Requirements Rule regulation update.  • The notice granting DEP tentative approval of the LCRSTR and V&E minor revisions was published in the federal register on 12/30/2014.  • The outstanding VRB issues need to be resolved at the federal level. Once the issues are resolved, DEP will submit a primacy request for the Phase II/V rules.
		Revise the State Compliance Strategy to reflect changes in the State and Federal regulations, including revised Penalty Authorities, any new or revised State MCLs, any new SNC definitions, State procedural or organizational changes, and State/U.S. EPA Enforcement Agreements.	DEP is updating the Compliance Strategy to include the new rules.

Screen data submitted by public water systems for evidence of data falsification and take follow-up enforcement action as appropriate.	DEP's central office, regional, and Bureau of Laboratories staff continued to screen data for evidence of data falsification.
Certify that the responsible State agency (if not the drinking water program) continues to enforce the Lead Ban, through inspections and State enforcement actions.	<ul> <li>An intern was hired in May to conduct the Lead Ban Surveillance activities for 2015. For the May-June 2015 period, the intern surveyed 175 stores and determined the following:</li> <li>136 stores sell solder and 77 sell only lead-free solder;</li> <li>8 of the stores were selling banned solder; and,</li> <li>5 stores were selling restricted solder in the plumbing section (i.e., they were not in compliance with the PA Lead Ban Act).</li> </ul>
	Violation notices are sent to all stores with a violation; repeat visits will be made to any store selling banned solder. The final 2015 report will be completed at the end of the internship. The 2014 report is posted at the following link:
	http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/BSDW/DrinkingWater Management/pb_ban_rpt_2014.pdf
Maintain records of tests, measurements, analyses, decisions, and determinations performed on each PWS to determine compliance with applicable drinking water regulations; sanitary surveys, enforcement actions, vulnerability determinations, Public Notice, etc.; make records available to the Regional Administrator upon request.	During this reporting period, all records were maintained as required.
Report on implementation of Consumer Confidence Rule. Report violations and enforcement actions directly to SDWIS/FED by November 15.	CCR data entry for 2013 reports (due by July 1) was completed; compliance will be calculated and violations were reported with the November 2014 update.
	Certify that the responsible State agency (if not the drinking water program) continues to enforce the Lead Ban, through inspections and State enforcement actions.  Maintain records of tests, measurements, analyses, decisions, and determinations performed on each PWS to determine compliance with applicable drinking water regulations; sanitary surveys, enforcement actions, vulnerability determinations, Public Notice, etc.; make records available to the Regional Administrator upon request.

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Protect human health by reducing exposure to contaminants in drinking water.	(continued)	NEW REGULATION DEVELOPMENT  OUTPUTS: Adopt all rules on schedule, complete all primacy application packages, report on major implementation issues or problems, and apply for extensions when necessary.  ACTIVITIES: Revise State regulations so that these are as stringent as the analytical methods changes published in the Federal Register on December 5, 1994, March 5, 1997, December 1, 1999, May 15, 2001, and October 23, 29, 2002 [CFR §142.12].  Maintain and report on required statutory and regulatory authorities. Report on any changes to statutory, regulatory, or laboratory certification status of the State Primacy Agency.  Report new rule data to SDWIS/FED per Extension/Implementation Agreements. For new rules that are in effect, but the state does not have Primacy, report information for EPA Region III to make compliance determinations.  Implement the Lead and Copper Rule Short-term Revisions and Ground Water Rule. Implement Stage 2 DBPR and Long Term 2 Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. Prepare for and adopt the Revised Total Coliform Rule.	As noted above, all federal rules except the RTCR have been incorporated into Chapter 109. DEP has the authority to enforce all the state rules.  • DEP will include any necessary regulatory revisions needed for primacy regarding the Stage 2 D/DBPR in the Disinfection Requirements Rule regulation update.  • The notice granting DEP tentative approval of the LCRSTR and V&E minor revisions was published in the federal register on December 30, 2014.  • The outstanding VRB issues need to be resolved at the federal level. Once the issues are resolved, DEP will submit a primacy request for the Phase II/V rules.  LT2ESWTR  • Most systems have completed Round 1 monitoring and have submitted their bin level. Regions have sent NOVs and have followed up with systems not in compliance.  • Large systems serving >100,000 people have submitted sampling plans for Round 2 and have started monitoring.  • DEP's Lab Accreditation program accredited 6 commercial labs and 2 non-commercial labs for LT2 Round 2 Cryptosporidium analysis.  • DWELR is currently accepting Round 2 reporting.

<ul> <li>LT2 Round 2 sample plan template was developed and is available to the public via eLibrary.</li> <li>Turbidity and LT2 reporting technical guidance was developed and is available on eLibrary.</li> </ul>
Development of the state RTCR regulation is ongoing. During the reporting period, DEP submitted an extension request for the RTCR and EPA subsequently approved it.
Compliance determinations for other rules have been automated; violations and enforcement actions are submitted to EPA/SDWIS on a quarterly basis.

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Work Plan Component/Program: Public Water System Supervision **EPA Contact (s):** Kelly Moran / Bill Arguto

State Contact (s): Dawn Hissner / Pari Parikh / Bill McNamara / Jason Minnich

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Conduct one or both of the following courses as needed during the two-year grant Planning logistics and administration of the EPA Sanitary Survey course began. Planning includes finding suitable and cycle: willing host drinking water and surface water systems for the field exercise portions. The course is scheduled to be held in - With the help of EPA in-kind contributions and EPA instructors, coordinate a 3.5day sanitary survey training course\* for 25 DEP staff to develop capabilities for August 2015. conducting an effective and comprehensive review of a public water system, including the eight essential elements of a sanitary survey as defined by EPA and State guidance. Training begins at 8 AM and ends at 5 PM (noon on the fourth day). All attendees are DEP drinking water field inspectors or program managers. As outlined in the previous status report, the statewide training Conduct a 2.5-day statewide training conference\* for 190 DEP Safe Drinking Water Program staff to update staff on new regulatory initiatives, highlight new technical conference was held in the Spring of 2014. information, or address program compliance and data management issues. Training begins at 8 AM and ends at 4:15 PM (noon on the third day). Attendees encompass the entire DEP drinking water program in the central and regional offices, including field inspectors, compliance specialists, permitting engineers, program specialists, and program managers. \*NOTE: PWSS grant funds will be used for light refreshments and meals served at these contracted staff training events. Generally, participating staff are given lunch and light refreshments, while breakfast and dinner are included for those on overnight status. Providing lunches in the contract allows a full agenda, including an 8 AM session start time and working lunch periods. This ensures that staff remain together during the workday to increase interaction and continue their discussion of issues. Likewise, morning and afternoon breaks with coffee, tea, milk, juice, soft drinks, donuts, bagels, fruit, pretzels, cookies, chips, or muffins will allow participants to remain in the primary training room during breaks and continue to network and discuss issues. DEP has a permitting program under Subchapter E of Chapter Maintain an adequate plan and specification review program to assure design and 109. Reviews are conducted by engineering staff, under the construction of new and modified PWS facilities. responsible charge of a licensed professional engineer. DEP maintains a department-wide emergency response plan and Maintain the capability to respond to emergency circumstances and ensure provision enforces the requirements for CWSs to develop and update their of potable drinking water under emergency circumstances. own emergency response plan. On November 10, 2014, DEP submitted a revised Quality In conformance with EPA's Policy to Assure the Competency of Organizations Management Plan (QMP) for Pennsylvania's Safe Drinking Generating Environmental Measurement Data under Agency-Funded Assistance Water Program. We have updated our QMP to include Agreements (FEM-2012-02): organizational changes that occurred during our agency-wide Maintain and implement a Quality Management Plan. reorganization. Additionally, the QMP conforms to the • Maintain and implement Quality Assurance Project Plans. 11

language added in our FY '14-15 workplan for the PWSS and Maintain accreditation and certifications under the National Environmental set-asides grants. As a result, the workplans should now be in Laboratory Accreditation Program to meet the laboratory certification conformance with EPA's Policy to Assure the Competency of requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data under Agency-Funded Assistance Agreements (FEM-2012-02). DEP maintained a state program for the certification of laboratories. Please refer to the Bureau of Laboratories annual report for more information. Carry out the responsibilities of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule DEP continues to assist with UCMR3 activities during Jan-June (UCMR3). Provide information to EPA to determine which systems are required to 2015 and completed these activities: monitor under UCMR3 and identify alternate systems when necessary; assist EPA in • Continued answering questions from selected PWSs about obtaining water system compliance through follow-up contact with those systems; UCMR 3 requirements. review detects reported to SDWARS/UCMR and take action if needed; work with • Provided updates to EPA and identified replacement CWSs to include UCMR data in CCRs; work with CWSs, and NTNCWSs to include a systems as needed. notification of the availability of the results of PNs. • Coordinated PWS response to detections for PFOS/PFOA; and continued to work with EPA and other DEP programs to identify other water supply sources that may also be affected. Obstacles DEP's Safe Drinking Water Program has experienced a significant reduction in compliment following the commonwealth's budget crisis, which began in 2008. Based on an October 2014 workload analysis, the recommended number of PWSs per sanitarian ranges from 100 - 125. Per a 2012 ASDWA survey, the national range and average of PWSs per inspector is 45 - 140 and 67, respectively. • In October 2014, 4 of 6 DEP regions exceeded the recommended workload of 100 – 125 PWSs per sanitarian. All DEP regions exceeded the national average. • The number of full inspections (sanitary surveys) has steadily declined since 2009. • Staffing levels in DEP's permitting program have remained static while the program has grown exponentially due to new rule promulgation. DEP will complete a new workload analysis during the next PWSS reporting period.

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risk to public health is minimized through source water protection. FTEs Charged (at 1,630 hours per FTE). 43 and 41 FTEs are budgeted for FY 2014 See the attached spreadsheet for details on DEP's Cross and 2015, respectively. Approximately 15% is devoted to "Program Administration, Application Time Sheets (CATS). Management, Development, and Evaluation" (CATS work code 38200) and the 38200 = 0.98 FTEs remaining time is devoted to "PWS Compliance Assessment" (CATS work **SP-4(b)** – Percent of the 38210 = 46.86 FTEs code 38210). The Lead Ban Intern charges time to 38220. population served by CWSs where 38220 = 0.22 FTEsrisk to public health is minimized Total for state FY '14-15 = 48.07 FTEs (includes state match) through source water protection. Report the violation validation lag time statistics. (Goal = 30-day median value) See attached spreadsheet "Lagtime 06-30-2015.xlsx". SDW-1a - Percent of community water systems (CWSs) that have undergone a sanitary survey within **ACTIVITIES:** the past three years (five years for Prepare and submit draft FY 2014 and FY 2015 grant application work plans to EPA For state FY '14-15 and FY '15-16, DEP submitted a draft outstanding performers) as Region III. workplan through grants.gov on May 7, 2014. required under the Interim Enhanced and Long-Term I Surface Water Treatment Rules. Prepare and submit a final FY 2014 and FY 2015 grant application that addresses all For state FY '14-15, EPA Region III and DEP discussed the Region III comments on the preliminary draft plan. draft workplan during a July 16, 2014 conference call. EPA requested a revised SF-424 form and a total timesheet summary for the previous grant cycle as well as a revised set of budget sheets to correct minor items for state FY '14-15 and FY '15-16. DEP submitted this information before the end of July. For FY '15-16, DEP submitted a draft workplan and budget on April 17, and EPA approved on June 10, 2015. The PWSS semi-annual progress reports for the current grant Prepare and submit a semi-annual self assessment that reports State progress in meeting State program plan commitments to Region III. cycles were delivered on February 11, 2015 and August 10, 2015. Discuss all changes to the approved work plan with the EPA State Program Manager EPA Region III and DEP renegotiated commitments for the prior to making the change in order to determine if this is a significant program change FFY 2015 NPM Guidance Measures during the previous requiring an amendment or other written documentation for the grant award. reporting period. The revised goals are included under the outputs in this section of the workplan. Provide Federal Financial Reports (FFR) documenting FY 2014 and FY 2015 FFRs are completed by Pennsylvania's Comptroller Operations expenditures within 90 days of the end of the budget period. in the Office of the Budget and submitted directly to EPA. The final FFR for the previous grant cycle was completed on August 19, 2014.

Through separate progress reports, PA DEP will provide semi-annual updates on activities and outputs for Capacity Development, Operator Certification and Training, and Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs.	<ul> <li>The following updates and reports were submitted to EPA:</li> <li>Annual Report: Drinking Water Operator Certification Program for calendar year 2014—6/4/2015</li> <li>Three-Year Internal Review of the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program—7/24/2014</li> <li>Annual Report: Public Water System Compliance Report for Calendar Year 2014—6/30/2015</li> <li>Semi-Annual Report: set-asides grant progress report—8/13/2014 and 2/13/2015 (EPA will receive the current report by 8/15/2015)</li> <li>Semi-Annual Report: SWAP updates via the set-asides progress reports—8/13/2014 and 2/13/2015 (EPA will receive the current report by 8/15/2015)</li> <li>Annual Report: Capability Enhancement Program—8/25/2014</li> <li>Triennial Report: Pennsylvania's 2014 Report to the Governor on the Capacity Enhancement Program—9/22/2014</li> </ul>

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